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SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 4, 2002, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested since the amendments raise no new issues and put the claims in condition for allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 without prejudice as follows:

1. (Six Times Amended) A planar sensor element for determining at least one gas component, comprising:
a layer structure including:

a measuring cell layer having at least one surface;
a covering layer;
a heating element disposed between the measuring cell layer and the covering layer and generating a